



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 20, 2003

HECB to review financial aid, approve changes to residency rules

OLYMPIA—Provosts and financial aid directors from Washington's public colleges and universities will discuss the state's tuition and financial aid policy during the March 26 meeting of the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Olympia.

Tuition and financial aid are part of the upcoming 2004 Master Plan for Higher Education, which is the state's strategic policy blueprint for higher education in Washington. It is updated every four years; the next plan will be submitted to the Legislature and Governor in January 2004.

The master plan discussion also will include a briefing on the mission and growth of the branch campuses of the University of Washington and Washington State University. The master plan is expected to address the role branch campuses can play in response to increasing enrollment demand and regional economic opportunities. The UW operates branches at Bothell and Tacoma; WSU has branches in Spokane, the Tri-Cities and Vancouver.

During the meeting, the board also will take the next step toward changing the state's student residency requirements by considering proposed revisions to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Changes would include a stronger proviso that a student living in Washington must reside in the state for purposes other than education, as well as a narrower definition of "financial independence." Financial independence is one of the requirements for a student wishing to be classified as a resident for tuition purposes.

A public hearing on the proposed changes to student residency rules will be held May 27. If approved, the new rules would take effect July 12.

The HECB meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Department of Information Services and is open to the public.

Briefing materials on agenda items are available at:
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/MarMtg03.pdf>

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: March regular meeting

Where: **The Department of Information Services Forum Building
Board Room #201, 605 E. 11th St., Olympia**

When: **Wednesday, March 26
8 – 11:30 a.m.**

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Department of Information Services Forum Bldg. Board Room (#201)
605 East 11th Street, Olympia 98504
March 26, 2003

Approximate times

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

- Bob Craves, HECB Chair

Adoption of February 2003 HECB Meeting Minutes

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Status Report: Notification of Intent (NOI)**

Washington Student Residency Rules Change (CR 102)

- HECB staff briefing
 Resolution 03-06
- Public comment

8:30 a.m. Legislative Session Update

- HECB staff briefing

9:30 a.m. Master Plan 2004 / Tuition and Financial Aid Policy

- HECB staff briefing
- Public comment

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Master Plan 2004 / Branch Campus Discussion Paper

- HECB staff briefing
- Board discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT

11:30 a.m. ADJOURNMENT

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HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar

Date	Location
April 23, Wed.	St. Martin's College, Worthington Center, Lacey
May 28, Wed.	State Investment Board, Olympia
July 30, Wed.	Pierce College, Puyallup
Sept. 24, Wed.	Washington State University, Pullman
Oct. 29, Wed.	Renton Technical College, Renton
Dec. 3, Wed.	Dept. of Information Services Board Room, Olympia